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SUBJ: CONTINUED ARAB DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST COURT RULING RE JEWISH
PRAYERS ON HARAM (TEMPLE MOUNT)

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1. APPROXIMATELY 900 ARABMUSLIMS DEMONSTRATED FEB 13 IN
JERUSALEM OLD CITY TO PROTEST RECENT COURT RULING THAT JEWS
HAVE RIGHT TO PRAY ON HARAM ES-SHARIF (TEMPLE MOUNT).

2. FOLLOWING NOON PRAYER, DEMONSTRATORS -- MOSTLY YOUTHS -- LEFT
AL-AQSA MOSQUE AND MARCHED TO DAMASCUS GATES CHANTING RELIGIOUS
SLOGANS. THERE THEY WERE MET BY ISRAELI ARMY AND POLICE UNITS
WHICH STATIONED IN AND AROUND OLD CITY IN LARGER NUMBERS SINCE
8:30A.M. DESPITE ROCK THROWING, INJURIES APPEARED TO CONGEN
OBSERVED FEW AND MINOR. CONGENOFF SAW SEVERAL ARRESTS MADE BUT
NUMBERS NOT YET AVAILABLE.

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3. LOCAL ARABIC PRESS REPORTED FEB 13 ON WAVE OF PROTESTS

IN WEST BANK CITIES AGAINST "VIOLATIONS OF THE HARAM AREA,
THE JORDANIAN REGIME, AMERICA'S VETO AND AMERICA'S
GENERAL FOREIGN POLICY". MOST VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS REPORTEDLY
TOOK PLACE FEB. 12 IN NABLUS WHERE STUDENTS STRUCK IN THREE
SCHOOLS, FIRES WERE SET IN STREETS, AND A GENERAL STRIKE
IS SAID TO HAVE CLOSED THE CITY. OTHER DEMONSTRATIONS REPORTED
IN RAMALLAH AND JERICHO.
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